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The Hwanghae Province Mobile Unit

1. [] the headquarters of the Hwanghae Province Mobile Unit was at Haeju (N 38-02, E 125-42) (YC-3713). The unit was attached to the Hwanghae Provincial Bureau of the North Korean Labor Party and was activated to eliminate United Nations guerrillas in Hwanghae Province. All members were affiliated with the North Korean Labor Party and the majority of them came from North Ch'ungch'ong and South Ch'ungch'ong Provinces. The unit comprised 2,000 men and was divided into nine battalions of 200 men each; each battalion had a PPSH company and two rifle companies. The 3 Battalion was in 30 houses at XC-934294, near Muryon-dong (N 38-12, E 125-12) (XC-9330). The 5 Battalion was in five tile-roofed houses at YC-093437, near Sach'ang-ni (N 38-19, E 125-24) (YC-1043).

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Reassignment Center at Pakch'on

2. [] a North Korean army Reassignment Center with a staff of 7 officers and 27 enlisted men was at YD-207951, near Pakch'on (N 39-43, E 125-34)

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(YD-2099). Recuperated soldiers were sent from various hospitals in North P'yongan Province to the center for reassignment.

Guard Division Near P'yongyang

3. [] the headquarters of a North Korean army guard division was between YD-339219 and YD-331211, near P'yongyang. The 1 Regiment of the division, which defended the area between YD-0842 and YD-1884, was at YD-1572, near Ipsong-ni (N 39-29, E 125-30) (YD-1573); the 2 Regiment, which guarded the area between XD-9119 and YD-0842, was at YD-195280, near Wonjang-ni (N 39-05, E 125-32) (YD-1929); the 3 Regiment, which guarded the area between XD-9119 and YC-1290, was at Chinnamp'o (N 38-44, E 125-25) (YC-1090). The division had a total strength of about 7,900 men and was commanded by Soviet-educated Major General PAK Tong-hun (2613/2639/0534). []

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The 20 Brigade

4. [] the headquarters of the 20 Brigade was in 10 wooden and mud, tin-roofed buildings at EB-569239, 1 kilometer southwest of Songjong-dong (N 41-46, E 129-42) (EB-5824). Two battalions of the brigade were in Ch'ongjin (N 41-47, E 129-49) (EB-6826) and Nanam (N 41-43, E 129-42) (EB-5818). The brigade, which was activated [] was commanded by a senior colonel, []. It was still not up to full strength.

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Independent Battalion of the 980 Unit

5. [] an independent battalion of the 980 Unit was in a village of 40 thatched houses at YD-310892, near Kosong-ni (N 39-37, E 125-41) (YD-3088), where it had been []. The battalion, which was in training, had 30 officers and 470 enlisted men. The troops of the battalion were formerly at an ROK POW camp.² The officers were armed with pistols and 40 percent of the men were armed with rifles or PPSh's. They had no heavy weapons. A 10-man guard patrol was maintained at all times and the guard posts were checked every 10 to 20 minutes. Nine soldiers escaped [] and the frequent guard check was to prevent a recurrence. A daily ration of 500 grams of rice, 300 grams of other cereals, and some green vegetables was issued. Pork was served once a week.

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The 4 Division, IV Corps

6. [] officers and 520 men from the headquarters of the 4 Division, IV Corps, were in air raid shelters at YD-185149, near Tongu (N 38-57, E 125-32) (YD-2014). The headquarters of the 5 Regiment, 4 Division, was in air raid shelters at YD-192087, west of Sochang-ni (N 38-54, E 125-32) (YD-2008).

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1. Presumably there were 200 men in the headquarters.
2. Although it is not specifically stated in the text of the report, the troops were probably former ROK prisoners.

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